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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996.

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We reach the youth of sub-Saharan Africa whose lives are affected by AIDS. We affirm that tomorrow's responsible parents are the knowledgeable youth of today. We deliver the education they need to stay alive and teach them to share that knowledge with their peers. We act in local villages and communities through centres of excellence — qualified community organizations that demonstrate influence and leadership among local youth. We build health-care awareness through these centres of excellence by funding and supervising:

(a) Schools and scholarships;

(b) Access to AIDS testing;

(c) Educational camps;

(d) Use of microfinance to leverage human capital.

We believe that no one is alone: we succeed when the youth we serve become agents of their own change and use their knowledge to change their communities.

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